--- 10 Pounds - “Series of 1883”- SNUFF - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract of October 22nd 1886 ---

--- inscribed with NOT MORE THAN / *40%* / MOISTURE ---

--- lithographed on vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls - design 460 x 19 mm. ---

--- RS-28(L) - *coarse roulette* - three beavers with foliage design ---

The particular taxation of snuff was initiated by the Budget of **1883** - 8¢ per pound for “over 40% moisture” and 12¢ per pound for “not more than 40% moisture”.

The catalogue lists the lithographed “Series of 1883” 10 pounds, black, **Not More than 40% Moisture** snuff strip as follows:

RS-28(L) - 10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

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4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records 1,665 *lithographed* copies of “SNUFF, 10 lbs. Black, 40% and under” as delivered. These are **RS-28(L)**.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records 80,933 *lithographed* copies of “10 lbs. Black Snuff” as delivered. He may have combined both categories, but these are probably **RS-28(L)**.

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)	1,665 lithographed	**000001** to **001665**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the ten pound, black, *coarse roulette*, **Not More than 40% Moisture** stamp (i.e. with control numbers below **001665**). The example listed below was taken from eBay.

001114	RS-28(L) CP	10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** - suspect

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